

NASA satellite being processed at KSC for March launch



NASA seeks nominees for Software of the Year

▲ **ELV Update:** The **Galaxy Evolution Explorer** (GALEX) satellite has undergone testing in the Multi-Purpose Processing Facility. Solar array lighting and deployment tests have been completed, as well as functional test and battery re-conditioning. An Interface Verification Test between the Pegasus launch vehicle and GALEX was performed yesterday. Mating of the satellite and Pegasus will be done March 5. Launch of GALEX is scheduled for March 25. The **Space Infrared Telescope Facility** (SIRTF) is scheduled to arrive at KSC March 6 from the Lockheed Martin plant at Sunnyvale, Calif. One of NASA's largest infrared telescopes to be launched, SIRTF is scheduled for launch April 15 from Launch Pad 17-B, CCAFS.

▲ **Submissions Requested for the 10th Annual NASA Software of the Year Award:** NASA HQ has issued a call for the 10th Annual NASA Software of the Year Award. This year the award is sponsored by the NASA Chief Engineer and the Associate Administrator for Safety and Mission Assurance. The award includes the NASA Software Medal, a certificate signed by the administrator and a check for up to \$100,000, depending on the value of the contribution to Government and industry. For an overview of the award history and process, eligibility information, and information about the last nine competitions, visit the NASA Inventions and Contributions Board (ICB) Web site: <http://icb.nasa.gov>. Submissions are due to Pam Bookman by April 18.

◆ **Society Of Women Engineers Award Engineer Of The Year** -- Engineers Week, Feb. 17-22, culminated in the selection of distinguished engineers in three categories from a pool of accomplished nominees for the Society of Women Engineers, Space Coast Section. **Linda Hait**, The Boeing Company, was named as the Outstanding Woman Engineer of the Year; **Melanie Dietz**, Harris GCSD was honored for Technical

Achievement; and **Caryl McEndree**, United Space Alliance, was named as the Distinguished New Woman Engineer. Vilma Brueggemeyer, vice president, Environmental Consulting & Technology, was the keynote speaker, sharing stories about her international consulting experiences, including being chased by rebels in South America. The next meeting of SWE is March 24 at Mangroves Restaurant, Cape Canaveral, to celebrate Women's History Month. For more information, see the SWE web site www.swe-sc.org, or call Jamia Brogan at 264-0678.

◆ **Information Technology Exhibition** -- At least 17 vendors with contracts under the NASA Scientific & Engineering Workstation Procurement III (SEWP) will be available to discuss and demonstrate the latest in Information Technology products and services on Tuesday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Mission Briefing Room of the O&C Building. All technical POC, contracting officers, contract specialists, and all government employees are encouraged to attend. Representatives from CEWINC, ECS, COMPAQ, DLT, FCN, GMR, GTSI, Hewlett Packard, IBM, ID, IGOV, NGIT, SGI, Sword & Shield, T3, TECHNICA and UNISYS will introduce the latest in a wide range of advanced technology UNIX, Linux and Windows-based workstations and servers along with peripherals, network equipment, storage devices and other IT products. Complimentary refreshments. For more information, contact Barbara Powell, Mail Code: OP-MS, 867-7384 or the SEWP III Office (301) 286-1478, or e-mail eventsd@sewp.nasa.gov.

◆ **Did You Know? March 8 is International Women's Day. March is Women's History Month.**

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